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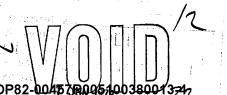
- The frontier sector along the Yugoslav-Austrian border near Maribor is protected by an unidentified KNOJ company consisting of three platoons. Observation posts of eight to ten men under the command of a noncommissioned officer are placed along the sector Sv. Duh-Sv. Juraj-Plac as far as Sv. Ilj.
- 2. The command posts of the KNOJ company are located in Sv. Kriz, Jednoleg, Sv. Ilj and in Sv. Kunigunda where the headquarters of the border battalion to which the company is subordinate is likewise located. A commissar, known as the "squad commissar" is attached to each of the more strategic observation posts and inspects the other observation posts. The platoon commander inspects the observation posts daily while the company commander inspects them once a week. The observation posts are actually requisitioned homes surrounded by entrenched artillery positions. Observation towers approximately 15 meters high are located next to the observation posts. There are no bunkers. There is one police dog at every observation post. The staff headquarters of the KNOJ unit protecting the frontier of Lower Carinthia is located in Maribor, in Titova
- 3. Units of two or four men and a police dog patrol the border. During an alert, the soldiers remain at their posts and are supplemented by the platoons or companies according to the need of reinforcement. At that time the guards in front of the observation posts are doubled, whereas ordinarily there is only one guard. Two men per guard post, generally members of the UDB, are concealed.
- 4. The weapons of the border units in this sector are varied. The rifles are German Mausers. The automatic weapons consist of German 9 mm. models and a Soviet type containing 72 rounds. At each observation post there is one machine gun. All bridges on the Drava River are guarded by the Militia. It is forbidden to cross the river at night except upon special
- 5. Recently, the population in this area has been fearful of being evacuated as has reportedly happened in some areas bordering on Austria. The homes that have been vacated because their owners were suspected of working with Austria or with the internal resistance, have been occupied by

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sympathizers of the National (Popular) Front, and invalids from the partisan wars, as well as inhabitants from passive areas of Yugoslavia. These newcomers wish to get acquainted with the old settlers so that they may spread propaganda. The old settlers are afraid of the newcomers and avoid them.

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